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February 26, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Pettit Zone, WEST ARCADIA FIELD, Bienville
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Pettit Zone in the West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Jones 17 No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for PET SUD, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 692-B, effective April 1, 1966.
2. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 692-3, effective December 10, 2002, to include the Pettit Zone underlying PET SUD so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the Pettit Zone with the intervals approved for downhole combination in Order No. 692-3.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of PET SUD
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Pettit Zone in the West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 692-B, effective April 1, 1966.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy

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of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of West Arcadia Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

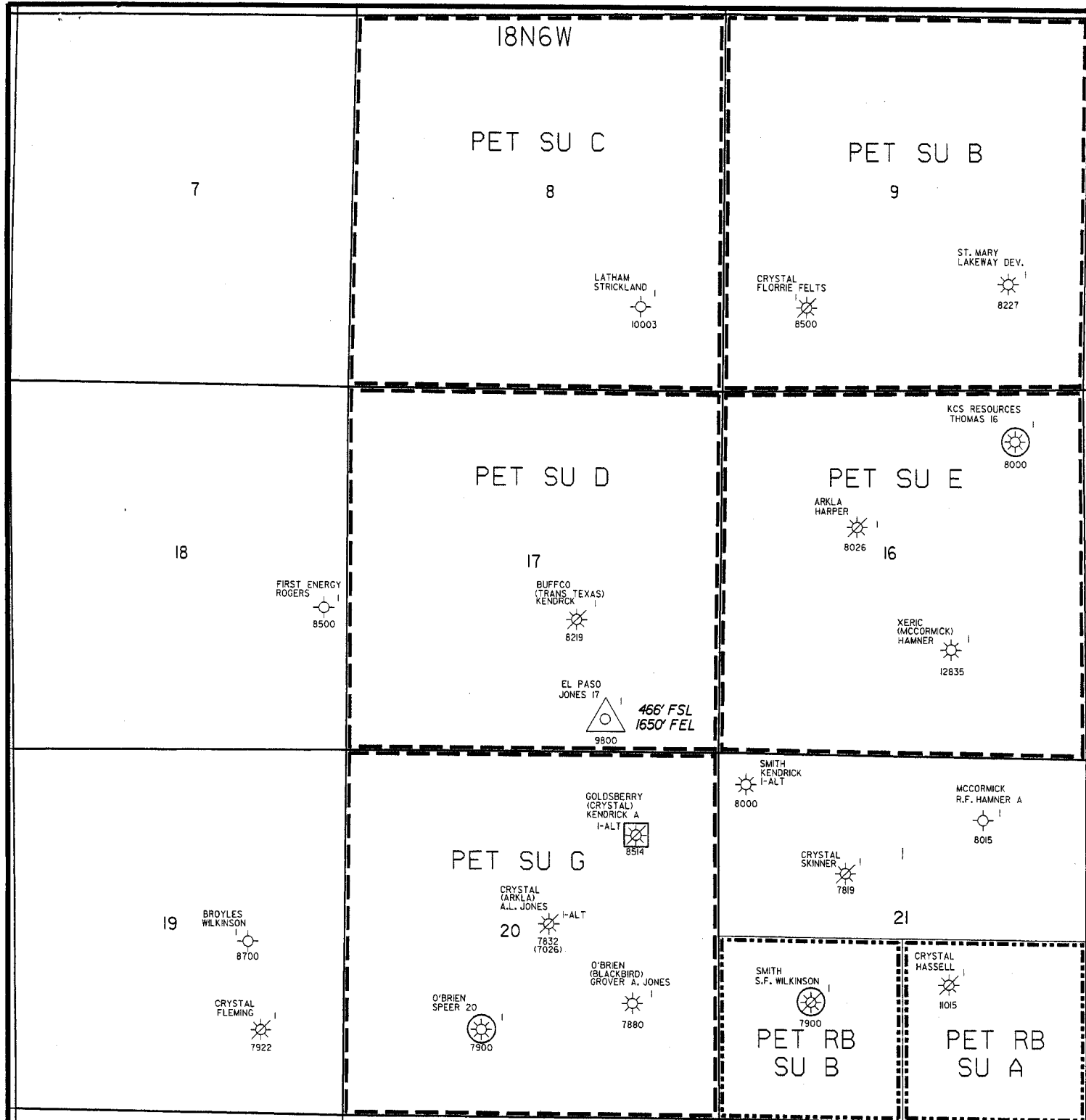
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encl.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encl.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encl.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



LEGEND

- PETTIT ZONE UNITS, AS PER 692-B SERIES
- - - - - PETTIT ZONE UNITS, RESERVOIR B, AS PER ORDER 692-B-3
- UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- WELLS 6000' AND SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 03-



Production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

WEST ARCADIA FIELD

BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT

PET SU D

0' 1000' 2000' 4000'

warcadia.dgn

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